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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)

**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which they believe may be material to the patentability of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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The references are listed in Form PTO-1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. A copy of the references was filed in US application no. **09/256,377** filed **February 26, 1999**, the benefit of which is claimed under 35 USC 120.

The references are as follows:

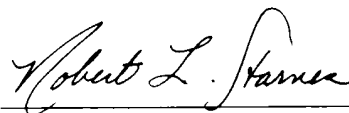
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It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the references.

The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed **before** the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Therefore, no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,

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